

Dear D9999 Club Presidents, Presidents Elect, Secretaries and Youth Directors

**RYLA Queenstown** 26-31st January 2025 at Lakeland Park Camp. The cost for clubs and Corporates is \$1100pp. This camp is open for candidates 20-30 years old.

### Applications open 12 August and close on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

It is time to start the selection process. Nominees can be found from a wide range of corporate, business, and community connections, as well as Rotary Club sponsors. By asking a **local partner to sponsor a progressive young leader within their business, club or organisation** opens up the opportunity for more young people to enjoy the benefits of RYLA as well as remove some of the financial burden from clubs. It also helps to grow RYLA.

To make it easier, below are some helpful tips to avoid the last-minute scramble to find suitable candidates.



- ✓ First of all, select your **Club RYLA Champion**. This is the person who will –
  - ✓ Be the main contact person
  - ✓ Actively seek suitable nominees
  - ✓ Be responsible for ensuring the paperwork is completed and forwarded to the RYLA Committee on time
  - ✓ Getting the candidate ready for camp
  - ✓ Organising a club visit after camp and ensuring they are kept involved in the club
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- Reach out to local **business colleagues, business connections, your local community business leaders, and local council**. Ask if they wish to sponsor a shining star within their business and explain the benefits to their business:  
*“RYLA is one of the most cost-effective leadership courses available and the value back to their business would be priceless. Comparable courses would be over \$2000+ for just a day or two, not a unique 5-day intensive live-in programme like RYLA”.*
  - **Trades & industry organisations will have apprentices** they would consider sponsoring as recognition for progress or completion of their trade certification. Would they consider it as an annual reward, for their **‘Apprentice of the Year’**.
  - Contact other **community leaders or organisations** like churches, St John, the Fire Service, Foundations and Charitable Trusts etc, who may consider offering a scholarship or sponsorship to a young person.
  - Candidates can be found during **everyday normal activities**; you just need to identify them and shoulder-tap them. Local newspapers are a good place to look, amazing young people feature every week here.
  - **Uni’s and Polytechs** are also good places to find motivated candidates. You can also offer to sponsor a **Rotaractor**. Email: Dunedin Rotaract for suggestions: [club@rotaractdunedin.org.nz](mailto:club@rotaractdunedin.org.nz) or [centrallakesrotaractclub@gmail.com](mailto:centrallakesrotaractclub@gmail.com)
  - Some Clubs are in the enviable position and have more nominees than they have funding for, so you could offer to pay for one of theirs if you cannot find your own Candidate. The RYLA committee can help coordinate this.

## Other Information



**After RYLA**, follow up and maintain the connection. Invite your RYLarian to a dedicated Club meeting, post RYLA, to hear about their experience.



**Collaborating with these young people is extremely fulfilling** and the benefits to your Club can be huge as they are an enormous source of energy and an untapped resource. Involve them in projects and invite them to interesting guest speakers. No matter how you engage with them, always view them as potential Rotarians or Rotaractors. Don't let them slip away.



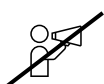
**Join us on camp** - Bring your inner 7-year-old and join us either as a day visitor or for a few days. For more information or to register your interest to volunteer on camp, please email [d9999rylaqt@gmail.com](mailto:d9999rylaqt@gmail.com)



Without you, we could not have a RYLA event, select your **Club RYLA Champion now** and get cracking to find your next RYLA superstars.



Click [here](#) to watch this YouTube video and see what all the fuss is about.



**Shhh** - Remember there are a few things we do on RYLA that is a **RYLA secret!** Don't give it away, this is the secret to the success of the programme which is designed to ensure they come to RYLA with an open mind, as well help them to think on their feet, and develop skills on how to make decisions under pressure and control their reactions as a leader, all while being extremely sleep deprived!

## What Do I Do Next?



**Direct your candidates and/or corporate interest to access application documents –**

- From 12<sup>th</sup> August they can apply online here [online app](#) or scan the QR code
- Or download and print the forms here [RYLA 2025 Queenstown Application Pack.docx](#)
- Or via the district website - [www.d9999rylaqt.org.nz](http://www.d9999rylaqt.org.nz)



**Interview your candidates –** [RYLA 2025- Interview Questions.docx](#)



- Forward their completed interview responses and application, including the signed Terms of Acceptance form (unless they have applied online) to [d9999rylaqt@gmail.com](mailto:d9999rylaqt@gmail.com)
- Pay the fee before the due date.
- Late applications will be accepted if spaces are available.
- Please also ensure your candidate/s have the necessary equipment.

## Quick Reference

- **DATE:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- **AGE:** 20-30 years old
- **COST:** \$1,100pp
- **BANK ACCOUNT:** Rotary International District 9999 Inc – 01-0635-0320139-01 Ref: club and candidate name
- **CONTACT & EMAIL:** Lee-Ann Murray 021 343 506 [d9999rylaqt@gmail.com](mailto:d9999rylaqt@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support.

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